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## PRELIMINARY CONCEPTS FOR RECOMMENDED APPROACHES FOR DEVELOPING CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR GREENHOUSE GASES

The Air Resources Board (ARB) staff invites you to participate in a workshop to discuss further development of concepts introduced in its Preliminary Draft Staff Proposal on Recommended Approaches for Setting Interim Significance Thresholds for Greenhouse Gases under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### Date/Time

December 9, 2008  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### Public Workshop Location

Cal/EPA Headquarters Building, Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Webcast at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast/?BDO=1>

**Background.** California law (Senate Bill 97, Chapter 185, 2007) states that greenhouse gas emissions and the effects of greenhouse gas emissions are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Pursuant to SB 97, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) is in the process of developing guidelines for the mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions or the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. These guidelines are intended to help lead agencies meet their CEQA obligations. As part of this process, OPR has asked ARB technical staff to recommend a method for setting thresholds of significance for GHG emissions. In October of this year, ARB staff released its Preliminary Draft Staff Proposal on recommended approaches for setting interim greenhouse gas significance thresholds, and hosted a workshop to initiate discussion and solicit comments on its proposal.

The purpose of this workshop will be to provide an update on where staff is in the development of its proposal, prior to presentation of its final recommended approach to the Board in early 2009.

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your request for disability services. If you are a person with limited English and would like to request interpreter services, please contact ARB's Bilingual Manager at (916) 323-7053.

To be considered by staff, comments on the Preliminary Draft Staff Proposal must be received by **November 26, 2008**. Comments may be submitted in writing through electronic submittal or postal mail:

Electronic Submittal:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/localgov/ceqa/ceqacomm.htm>

Postal Mail:

Douglas Ito, Air Resources Board  
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We encourage your participation and look forward to your input. If you have questions about meeting content or comment submission, please contact Douglas Ito, Manager, State Implementation Plan and Local Government Strategies Section, at [dito@arb.ca.gov](mailto:dito@arb.ca.gov). If you have questions about meeting logistics, please contact Marie Kavan-Bush at [mkavan@arb.ca.gov](mailto:mkavan@arb.ca.gov) or (916) 322-7142.

Sincerely,

/s/

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